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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, AO, SG

SUBJ: ANGOLA

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1. SUMMARY. SENEGALESE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS KANDE SEES DANGER THAT ANGOLA CRISIS WILL LEAD TO NEW MONROVIA/CASABLANCA SPLIT WHICH COULD THREATEN OAU'S EXISTENCE. HE EXPECTS MPLA SUPPORTERS WILL TRY TO "SHAME" OTHER AFRICANS FOR BEING "PRO-SOUTH AFRICAN." KANDE ASSERTED THAT SENEGAL WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR ALVOR PRINCIPLES AND WAS CONVINCED NO SINGLE FACTION COULD CONTROL ANGOLA. MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION PDS HAS REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR MPLA AND QUESTIONED SAVIMBI'S EASY ACCESS TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR, BUT PARTY IS NOT IN POSITION TO BRING SERIOUS PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT OVER ANGOLA ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITICAL OFFICER CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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SALOUM KANDE DEC 26 TO DELIVER TEXT OF SECRETARY

KISSINGER'S DEC 23 ANGOLA PRESS CONFERENCE. KANDE SAID STATEMENT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, AS HE IS IN PROCESS OF PREPARING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S BRIEFING MATERIALS AND TALKING POINTS FOR OAU SUMMIT. HE NOTED DANGER THAT MPLA SUPPORTERS WOULD TRY TO "SHAME" OTHER AFRICANS BY PINNING PRO-SOUTH AFRICAN LABEL ON THEM. KANDE SAID HE PLANNED TO STRESS TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR SERIOUS THREAT THAT ANGOLAN ISSUE WILL AGAIN DIVIDE AFRICA INTO ANTAGONISTIC "MONROVIA" AND "CASABLANCA" ALIGNMENTS OF A DECADE AGO. HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING THAT PEOPLE LIKE SEKOU TOURE WOULD RATHER SEE.

3. KANDE AGREED THAT OPPOSITION TO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS LONGSTANDING OAU PRINCIPLE WHICH SHOULD JUSTIFY CONDEMNATION OF ALL OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT AFRICA WAS NOT ANGOLA, AND ARGUMENT MIGHT BE ADVANCED THAT OAU ALSO HAD NO BUSINESS IN DOMESTIC STRUGGLE. HE SAID HE WONDERED IF OAU WOULD SURVIVE ANGOLAN CRISIS.

4. KANDE SHARED US CONCERN THAT RECOGNITION BY MORE AFRICAN STATES OF MPLA WOULD ONLY HARDEN MPLA'S RESOLVE AND MAKE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT. HE SAID SENEGAL, FOR ITS PART, WAS DETERMINED TO "FIGHT TO THE DEATH" FOR PRINCIPLES IN ALVOR ACCORD RECOGNIZING ROLE IN ANGOLA FOR ALL THREE FACTIONS. FROM STUDYING TRIBAL BASIS OF SITUATION, HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT NO SINGLE GROUP COULD CONTROL ANGOLA WITHOUT COOPERATION OF OTHER MOVEMENTS.

5. IN DEC 26 PRESS CONFERENCE, ABDOULAYE WADE, HEAD OF YEAR-OLD OPPOSITION PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE SENEGALAIS (PDS), EXPLAINED HIS SUPPORT FOR MPLA. HE SAID PARTY'S POSITION GREW OUT OF HIS LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP AS ATTORNEY FOR MPLA. HE DISPARAGED SAVIMBI OF UNITA FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATIONS AND QUESTIONED WHY SUCH A MAN WAS ABLE TO VISIT SENEGAL REGULARLY WITH FREE ACCESS TO SENGHOR. EMBASSY COMMENT: PDS OPPOSITION BRINGS NO SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON SENEGAL'S POSITION ON ANGOLA (PARTICULARLY SINCE WADE'S VIEWS WILL NOT BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED BY GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA). ANGOLA PROVIDES PDS WITH HANDY ISSUE ON WHICH TO DEMONSTRATE INDEPENDENT THINKING BUT IS SUFFICIENTLY DISTANT SO THAT
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